

## **CM/ECF Project Update**

### **July 30, 2002**

As predicted, our “live” date for CM/ECF has changed again. The new, anticipated “live” date is January 2, 2003. This estimated date is based on the current information being provided to us from the Administrative Office and the training center in San Antonio. I know this delay will cause some disappointment and frustration, but let me explain some of the positive reasons for this change.

The increased functionality of version two (RC4) is a vast improvement over the current version of CM/ECF. The case management side of the system is designed to be more like our current system, BANCAP. However, these improvements have created additional customization for each court in the areas of dictionary, forms, and the judge & trustee assignment module. This unanticipated burden on the systems staff, in particular, has caused a delay in the testing of version two. As opposed to releasing an inferior product, the AO has extended the testing period. The additional testing time has already produced better installation documentation, as well as form templates for notices that are common among the courts. Our sincere appreciation goes out to those courts who are working through this testing phase.

Based on the latest implementation project plan provided by the AO, we are scheduled to receive the version two software in September. One of the advantages to us locally is that we are going live on version two and will not have to convert as much data from version one to two as other courts that are already live. This will allow a little quicker cut over period for us.

Another advantage is that we have additional time to test the modified work flows and prepare training materials and class curriculums for all our end users. Digital senders, which we will use for scanning, are going through the procurement process now and are expected to be delivered at the end of August. Our training subcommittee is also planning some “in-house” testing of the modified work flows next month.

Tom and Dina will be presenting an overview and demonstration of CM/ECF from the filer’s perspective for the Capital Region Bankruptcy Bar Association. The target audience for the August 14 program is para legals and other support staff in the filer’s office. We anticipate additional overview programs to be scheduled in October and November for our external users with full training to follow at the end of the year.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Sadlemire at (518) 257-1619.